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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY MUZOREWA
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BEGIN TEXT:

THERE HAS BEEN MUCH COMMENT, IN THE PRESS AND ELSEWHERE,
 ON THE SO-CALLED LACK OF UNITY AMONG THE AFRICAN DELE-
 GATIONS PRESENT AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE
 OF ZIMBABWE. THE AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL, WHOSE MAJOR
 MISSION HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO UNITE ALL THE PEOPLE OF
 ZIMBABWE FOR THE PURPOSE OF LIBERATING THEIR COUNTRY,
 IS ACUTELY CONSCIOUS OF THIS PROBLEM.

AT ITS LAST MEETING IN SALISBURY, THE ANC NATIONAL
 EXECUTIVE GAVE A MANDATE TO ITS PRESIDENT, BISHOP A.
 MUZOREWA TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH THE OTHER ZIMBABWE
 POLITICAL GROUPS WITH A VIEW TO UNITING TO FIGHT FOR
 OUR COMMON GOAL. THE PRESIDENT, IN TURN, HAS SET UP A
 COMMITTEE, HEADED BY THE ANC NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, COMRADE
 MORTON MHLANGA, TO CARRY OUT THIS ASSIGNMENT.

THE COMMITTEE HAS ALREADY MADE CONTACT WITH THE OTHER
 GROUPS IN MAPUTO, LUSAKA AND HERE IN GENEVA.

MUCH PROGRESS HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE TOWARD EVOLVING
 A COMMON POLITICAL PLATFORM AT THE GENEVA TALKS AND
 THE COMMITTEE IS REDOUBLING ITS EFFORTS IN THAT REGARD.
 THE ANC STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT GIVEN THE GOODWILL AND
 SUPPORT OF ALL THOSE WHO CARE FOR THE FUTURE UNITY AND
 WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE, THE UNITE EFFORT
 WILL SUCCEED.

QUESTIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED ABOUT THE MECHANICS
 OF CONDUCTING A REFERENDUM ON THE BASIS OF ONE MAN ONE
 VOTE, TO ESTABLISH AN INTERIM ADMINISTRATION IN
 ZIMBABWE. BISHOP MUZOREWA WILL TABLE A PAPER ON THIS
 SUBJECT AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. FOR DECADES THE MASSES

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OF ZIMBABWE HAVE SUFFERED AND DIED FOR THEIR FUNDAMENTAL
RIGHT TO ELECT A GOVERNMENT OF THEIR CHOICE ON THE BASIS
OF ONE MAN, ONE VOTE. THE ANC FEELS THAT THE WISHES AND
ASPIRATIONS OF THE MASSES OF ZIMBABWE MUST BE TRANSLATED
INTO ACTION WITHOUT EQUIVOCATION. END TEXT.CATTO
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